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Implantable hearing system.

which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification

☒ PCT International Application No.

PCT/EP03/014982

filed December 30, 2003

☐ the specification in application Serial No.

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(Filing Date)

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SMALL ENTITY DECLARATION
[37 CFR 1.27(a)(1)-(3)]

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(1) ☐ the application attached hereto.

(2) ☐ U.S. Application Serial No. _____, filed _____

(3) ☐ U.S. Patent No. _____, Issued _____

is entitled to the benefits of "small entity" status for paying reduced fees under 35 U.S.C. 41(a) and (b) to the Patent and Trademark Office by virtue of the following:

(4) ☐ Each undersigned declares that he/she qualifies as an independent inventor, or would qualify had he/she made the invention, as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1).

(5) ☒ The undersigned declares that he/she is an official empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below, that this concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(A)(2); that exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern, or if the rights are not exclusive, that all other rights belong to small entities as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a).

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(a) ☐ 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3)(i) and (ii)(A)

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